

Listing of the Claims

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Claims 1-16. (canceled)

Claim 17. (previously amended) An inflatable toy method comprising:

providing an inflatable toy comprising an expandable figurine attached to an outer surface of an inflatable volume;

inflating the inflatable volume and stretching the figurine as the inflatable volume is inflated;

wherein the expandable figurine has a bottom surface that is adhesively attached to the inflatable volume;

wherein attaching comprises removably attaching the figurine to the inflatable volume; and

further comprising removing the figurine from the inflatable volume after inflation of the inflatable volume with the figurine attached, and leaving behind a convex distortion of the surface of the inflatable volume, in the shape of the figurine.

Claim 18. (currently amended) A method as defined in Claim ~~14~~ 17, wherein the expandable figurine assumes a predetermined shape when the inflatable volume is in a

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deflated state, and assumes a different shape representing a distortion of the predetermined shape after the inflatable volume is substantially inflated.